

THOMAS CLOTWORTHY



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In the public and political life of our county, Mr. Clotworthy has been an important figure. He was chairman of the board of county commissioners. Before Heber was incorporated as a city, he served two terms on the town board. His ability and influence were also given recognition only a few days before his death, when he was elected a director in the new Mercantile Company that was being organized.

He was a quiet, honest man, energetic and aggressive in any worthy cause. He was a friend at all times to those in distress, yet modest and unassuming in his achievements. His straightforward, honorable course in life won him many friends.

In his early life, Mr. Clotworthy hauled logs, and at one time had a contract to furnish wood for the Ontario Mine at Park City. He also owned and operated a shingle mill for some time, and was thereby able to secure enough means to start in the cattle business. He later invested in sheep, and at the time of his death he was one of the leading sheepmen of our county and state. He also owned and operated a butcher shop, with Jack Hicken as a partner.

Thomas Clotworthy was the victim of a horrible accident. He and his son-in-law, Jack Witt; his nephew, Hugh Jacobs, with other sheepmen of the county, were shipping their sheep to Kansas City. At Tucker, a little station on the Rio Grande Western, the helping engines had been attached to the front and rear ends of the train to help it up the summit. Thomas, with the rest of the party following, started back into the caboose. Through some cause he was thrown from his hold, and the helping engine pushed the caboose over his body, almost severing one leg, fracturing his skull, and inflicting other injuries which later proved fatal.

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He died the following afternoon, at the age of 53 years, on August 24, 1905, at Provo, Utah. His body was brought to Heber, Utah, by a special train. The funeral was held on the lawn of their beautiful home.

*Logger
Lumber & Shingle Mill
operator*

ELIJAH DAVIS AND SUSAN
MOLINDA WALL



Elijah Davis was born August 15, 1850, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, son of William Luce Davis, born in 1824, in Indiana, who died very suddenly July 5, 1852, at Platte River, Nebraska, while on their way to Utah. Elijah's mother was America Jane Overland. She was born in 1827, in Kentucky. She married her husband's brother after William's death. She died in 1874 and is buried at Wallsburg. Elijah died August 22, 1922.

Elijah's wife, Susan, was a daughter of William Madison Wall, who was born September 11, 1858, in Provo, and died at the Heber Hospital at 99 years of age. Her mother was Elizabeth Penrod, who was born September 9, 1836, in Illinois, and died April 14, 1925, at Wallsburg.

Elijah hauled the U. S. mail many years, receiving \$1 a day. He had to go, no matter what kind of weather or if it was possible to get through deep drifting snow, or if the river was so high it was hazardous to ford it on horseback. Elijah had the first shingle mill in Wallsburg, furnishing many shingles to Wasatch and Utah County users.

Their children: William E., Willmirth,

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John, Nettie, Willard, Lenn, Lula, Nellie and Ora.

*Shingle Mill
owner -
operator*

JOHN OSBORN AND MARY JANE BETHERS OAKS

John O. Oaks was born in American Fork, Utah, on May 18, 1856, son of Hyrum and Sarah Ann Woods Oaks. While very young, his parents moved to Heber Valley, where he was one of the first white babies



to survive the winter, living in a covered wagon. Later the family moved to a farm at the mouth of Daniels Canyon, where he spent his early years hunting wild animals with his father and having many Indian experiences.

He married Mary Jane Bethers, oldest child of William S. and Phebe H. McMillan Bethers, on August 5, 1884, in Daniel, and later in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary Jane was born August 27, 1867, at Watship, Summit County, Utah. While very young her parents moved to Heber, living in a one-room, dirt-roofed log house. When she was six years old her father took up a homestead along Daniel Creek and they moved their house from Heber in 1874 to the farm and lived there many years. She was the only help her parents had for years, assisting in clearing the land and cultivating the crops, so she learned to do hard work.

As a girl, she was very apt with a needle and thread and was a fine seamstress. Later in life she made beautiful burial shoes for the dead many years. She and her mother used to walk to Heber, carrying their butter and eggs to trade for groceries and cloth, which they carried home. On one of these trips she sewed on a shirt for one of her brothers.

She also was a very excellent cook. When one thinks of welfare they can very easily think of Mary Jane, for she was always prepared for the years ahead with clothing, bedding and food. Her cellar was always filled with a variety of good things to eat and she was always ready to help someone or to send food to anyone in need. The vegetable gardens she cared for were pictures to behold.

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John and Mary Jane lived in Vernal several years of their early married life, where he worked with his father and brothers in a saw and shingle mill. Later they returned to Daniels. He worked with his father and father-in-law, William Bethers, surveying and helping build the Strawberry ditch to bring irrigation water to the Daniel farms. He also worked in the timber a great deal, cutting and hauling logs down the canyon. He always owned a good team of horses, taking great pride in having them well groomed and in good shape. He did much team work.

Both he and his wife worked in the Church, he as a counselor in Sunday School and in the YMMIA, and she as a counselor in the YWMIA, a teacher in Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society. She held a perfect record of 16 years of visiting teaching, walking several miles in visiting families in her district. John also drove groups of students to school in Heber by team and wagon or sleigh, according to weather.

After three years of illness, John died at his home in Daniel, November 25, 1924, and Mary Jane passed away November 6, 1950, at Daniel, after almost three years of illness.

They were the parents of 10 children: Phebe Ann, Mary Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, Hyrum, John Henry, William Wallace, Warren, Ralph, Inez and Taylor Martin.

*Lumberman
Surveyor
Shingle Maker
Teamster
Canal Builder
Transported School
children by sleigh
or wagon*